

# Sentani language

**Sentani** or **Buyaka** is a Papuan language of Papua, Indonesia. It is spoken in about 30 scattered villages. Dialects are East, West, and Central (*Ethnologue*).

<b>Contents</b>
<b>Phonology</b>
Consonants
Vowels
Central Sentani
<b>Citations</b>
<b>References</b>
<b>External links</b>

## Phonology

### Consonants

	<u>Bilabial</u>	<u>Labial</u>	<u>Alveolar</u>	<u>Palatal</u>	<u>Velar</u>	<u>Glottal</u>
<u>Nasal</u>	m		n			
<u>Plosive</u>	b		d		k	
<u>Fricative</u>		f~ɸ	s			h
<u>Approximant</u>	w		l	j		

### Vowels

	Front	Central	Back
Close	i		u
Mid	e	ə	o
Open(-mid)	ɛ	a	

### Central Sentani

Central Sentani phonology from Foley (2018):Foley's (2018) classification is:<sup>[3]</sup>

Sentani	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Lake Sentani, Papua
Native speakers	30,000 (1996) <sup>[1]</sup>
Language family	Northwest Papuan? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Demta–Sentani<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Sentani proper<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Sentani</b></li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>
Writing system	Latin
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	set
Glottolog	nuc11632 (http://glottolog.org/resource/language/id/nuc11632) <sup>[2]</sup>

## Consonants

m	n		
p		k	
f			h
w	l	j	
	r		

## Vowels

i		u
e	ə	o
æ	a	

## Citations

---

1. Sentani (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/set/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Sentani" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/nucl1632>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Foley, William A. (2018). "The languages of Northwest New Guinea". In Palmer, Bill (ed.). *The Languages and Linguistics of the New Guinea Area: A Comprehensive Guide*. The World of Linguistics. 4. Berlin: De Gruyter Mouton. pp. 433–568. ISBN 978-3-11-028642-7.

## References

---

- Cowan, H. K. J. (1965). *Grammar of the Sentani Language* (<http://papuaweb.org/dlib/bk1/kitlv/cowan-1965.pdf>) (PDF). 's-Gravenhage: Martinus Nijhoff.

## External links

---

- Written materials for Sentani are available through Kaipuleohone
- 

Retrieved from "[https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sentani\\_language&oldid=954493754](https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=Sentani_language&oldid=954493754)"

---

**This page was last edited on 2 May 2020, at 18:18 (UTC).**

Text is available under the Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike License; additional terms may apply. By using this site, you agree to the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy. Wikipedia® is a registered trademark of the Wikimedia Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization.